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OK,
I have waited almost too late to submit my comments:

The DOJ and judicial system in place MUST place conditions against MS in place with teeth, that will cause a fundamental change to MS business practice. As the courts have already found, MS routinely uses illegal monopoly power to protect and advance its market. This is a competitive stranglehold on the industry that will only hurt the consumer long term.

From previous judgements in cases like this, MS will interpret these rulings to their advantage at every opportunity. This means an oversight team NOT SPECIFIED OR APPOINTED BY MS is required. Note that they have already tried this game. Their people must be removed from the oversight team. This oversight team must have authority to REQUIRE MS compliance.

Please, Please, Please do not allow MS to continue to extend their monopoly via illegal tactics. The proposed settlement to provide schools with technology is a JOKE.

1. they do not have a monopoly there, so this will help them alter the balance in their favor.
2. the accounting in use will claim that Windows costs 199.99, and office costs 499.95, when they are basically 'free' since MS is just giving copies of existing software.
3. Allowing MS to specify the settlement is like allowing the fox the KEY to the henhouse, and providing extra place settings for the fox to invite friends.

Several engineer friends of mine and I have watched this trial from the beginning. we all have the collective 'duhhh' when the court findings of illegal monopoly practices were published. we have also had the collective 'what a waste' watching the current handling of the case. David Boise laid a perfect design to really solve this. Let's no give away the ending. Let's make a real difference to STOP MS from continuing their illegal practices, and allowing real competition from AOL/Netscape, Apple, Real Networks, and others.

thanks,
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-- Male cadavers are incapable of yielding testimony.

- Individuals who make their abode in vitreous edifices would be well advised
 - to refrain from catapulting projectiles.
- Neophyte's serendipity.
- Exclusive dedication to necessitous chores without interludes of hedonistic
 - diversion renders John a hebetudinous fellow.
- A revolving concretion of earthy or mineral matter accumulates no congeries
 - of small, green bryophytic plant.
- Abstention from any aleatory undertaking precludes a potential escalation
 - of a lucrative nature.
- Missiles of ligneous or osteal consistency have the potential of fracturing
 - osseous structure, but appellations will eternally remain innocuous.